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BEAUMONT MAIL MAN CHARGED WITH DESTROYING MAIL

(Beaumont, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 25-year-old Beaumont mailman has been indicted for unlawfully delaying and destroying mail in the Eastern District of Texas. **JAMES EARL TOLIVER, JR.** was charged today for not delivering the mail which was in his possession as a postal carrier.

According to the indictment, on November 26, 2005, Toliver, a Postal Service employee destroyed, detained and delayed letters, postal cards, packages, and mail entrusted to him and which was intended to be delivered by him to postal customers in Beaumont.

Toliver faces up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 if convicted. It is important to note that an indictment is merely a charge and should not be considered as evidence of either guilt or innocence.

The case is being investigated by the United States Postal Service and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David H. Henderson.

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